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Statement from Lt. Governor Peter Kinder on the Passing of Michael N. Keathley

JEFFERSON CITY –Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today released the following statement on the passing of Office of Administration Commissioner Michael Keathley:

"I am deeply saddened today by the passing of my friend Mike Keathley. Mike was a wonderful person and one of the finest public servants I have ever known. He is, quite simply, irreplaceable.

"Six years ago, as President Pro Tem, I brought Mike to Jefferson City to work for the State Senate. His dedication to this great state and citizens across Missouri was unparalleled. Every citizen and taxpayer owes him an unrepayable debt for the efficient savings he enacted as Commissioner of Administration.

"From our Boy Scout days more than 38 years ago to our working together in Jefferson City, I was always thankful to have a friend with such great fortitude for success.

"I send my condolences to Mike's wife, Julie, and his wonderful family. Today, Missouri is a better place thanks to the hard work and commitment of Mike Keathley."